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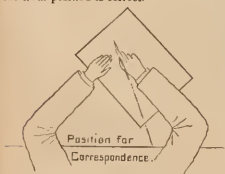
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We think while we write,  
And write while we think.  
If we think right we write right.  
And there's no loss of ink.  
By thinking and writing,  
Perfection is gained,  
Bad habits will leave us,  
And good ones remain.

Our movements are directed by the mind. Skill in any art is the result of properly directed efforts. The secret of success in writing lies in a careful study of correct rules, and a constant observance of them during practice. We have full faith that if all who desire improved penmanship will study and carry out the instructions in this and future lessons they will be well rewarded. Fair writing, like "Fair Lady," will get her by faint heart or indifference. The many little attentions suggested in these lessons are vital to success. Position gives power, and as so bad to writing the feet should always be flat upon the floor. The body should lean slightly forward and to the left about five degrees from perpendicular, with the breast about one inch from the desk. The seat and desk should be adapted to the needs of the student. The top of the desk should be even with the elbow of the writer, as his arm hangs at his side. The position for copy-books upon narrow desks is the right side at the desk.



For correspondence and general writing, the front position is correct.



For writing upon large books, the left side is best.

Position for Book-Keepers.



While writing, the eyes should be from

twenty to eighteen inches from the point of the pen, the distance depending upon the size of the person. The light falling upon the paper should come from the left side of the writer, and in the evening should be lamp-light instead of gas. The position of the right arm should be well out from the body, while the hands should come together on the paper at a right angle well away from the breast. The left should hold the paper, and the other the pen.

In holding the pen, the back of the thumb should be bent nearly to a right angle, and the second finger bent so as to bring it nearly opposite the thumb.

The forefingers should reach beyond all other fingers, the end being about one inch from the point of the pen. The forefinger nail, the lower part of the thumb and wrist, should be upon a straight line, and with adults one inch above the paper. The second and third fingers should always be separated, while the third and fourth fingers should bend beneath the hand never to rest, but always to slide with a lightness of touch equal to that of the pen. The penholder should cross opposite the knuckles, the upper end pointing at or a little below the right shoulder. The penholder will balance better in the hand by being shortened one inch back of the knuckles. The penholder should be held lightly between the thumb and fingers, gripping it only at the instant of making a stroke. Both ribs of the penholder should rest evenly upon the paper, while the more erect the pen is held the finer will be the line. The penholder should be of light wood, with the pen-clasp always firm upon it.

As the above instructions are presented as reliable aids to good writing, it may be of value to some readers to learn the results of their violation. When the feet are crossed or placed in an awkward position, they do not give that firm and natural support to the body which is essential to good writing. When sitting too far from the desk and leaning forward too much, the weight of the body is apt to be supported in part by the right arm, which interferes with ease and freedom of movement. Too much leaning may result from a desk too low, or seat too high; or, an uneasy and unnatural position of the hands and arms may result from a desk too high, or seat too low, cramped writing being the result. Throwing the head well over to the left, often decides one into being pleased with his writing during its execution, but disappointed when viewing the writing squarely before the eyes. The head should, therefore, be upon a line with the spine. Where the hands do not come near together an easy support of the body is not obtained; and when the hands are brought too near the breast the movements of the arms and hands are impeded. When the thumb and second fingers are placed upon the penholder nearly straight or without being well bent, their movements are weak and feeble, and easy finger movement is absolutely impossible; while with the thumb and second fingers well bent, they are in the best position for straight and easy action. The thumb well bent, resting against the

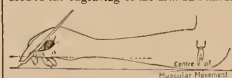
sides of the handle, gives the power to make strong upward strokes in long letters with ease, simply by straightening the thumb. The sliding upon the nail of the little finger is practiced as successfully by the paper. All experience proves the fact that, however difficult to acquire, correct penholding is absolutely necessary for success in producing easy and correct writing.

The dropping of the wrist near to or upon the desk prevents the benefit of the muscular movement. This movement is most effective when the wrist is raised so as to bring the rest near the elbow. When the penholder does not point at or near the right shoulder, the hand is turned over too far to the right, bringing the pen's point upon the paper, so as to cause them to move sideways. This produces imperfect lines and shades—besides, forces the fingers to do the writing without the aid of the muscular movement. The gripping of the pen prevents the limber action of the fingers required to produce the light touch necessary for the clean cut, smooth, hair lines so effective in fine penmanship. Besides, gripping the pen soon causes the hand to ache, and is the main cause of writers' cramp. An easy cure for gripping the pen consists in wrapping twice around the penholder where the fingers rest till its thickness equals that of a blackboard crayon. Turning the hand over to the right, while writing, is easily corrected by tying a six-inch pencil or stick across the palm of the hand, allowing it to project to the right one inch.

Movements in writing are of four kinds: Finger, Muscular, Combined, Wholearm.

The finger movement consists in extending and contracting the thumb, second and third fingers. This movement is used to advantage in very small writing, such as is used upon carefully written ladies' cards. The long, straight lines in loop letters, and letters p, t, and d, are made with more precision by contracting the fingers than with any other movement.

The muscular movement is produced by the action of the muscle near the elbow, as seen in the engraving of the arm and hand.



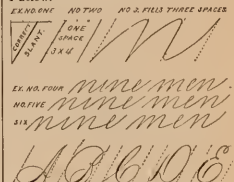
This movement is used to advantage in very rapid business-writing.

The combined movement is the result of a combined or simultaneous action of the finger and muscular movement, and is the chief movement used by the most skillful penmen.

The wholearm movement is produced by lifting the forearm, and swinging the hand and pen from the shoulder. This movement is used in forming large, bold capitals, and is aided in its development by practice with crayon upon the blackboard, as blackboard writing is of necessity produced by the wholearm movement.

According to Roman letters, from which

original script or writing was derived, the general proportions of a letter are, 3 by 4—three measures in width by four in length. This proportion should, in our opinion, be recognized as the standard length and width of one space in writing. As written letters slant to the right, the correct slant may be ascertained by drawing the left and top sides of a square; then dividing the top line into three equal parts, and draw a slanting line, as in example No. 1 below.



Ex. No. 2 represents one space, or the opening between two slanting straight lines placed three-fourths of their length apart.

Ex. No. 3 shows the letter n occupying three spaces. The general direction of curved lines is seen, in n, to be diagonally across a space; the spacing between letters may be seen in the words that follow.

In Ex. No. 4 the letters are one space apart. In No. 5 there is one and one-third spaces between the letters. In No. 6 there are two spaces between the letters. The spacing between letters should always be uniform, but according to the taste of the writer. Practice upon long words widely spaced between letters tends greatly to develop a free lateral movement. But care must be taken to make the letters correctly.

In another lesson will be presented an alphabet with the general proportions of letters, one space, or three by four, as above.

## Send Specimens and Questions.

It may be of future interest and advantage to all of our readers who purpose to make a special effort for improvement of their writing, under the tuition of Prof. Hinman's course of lessons, to forward specimens of their present writing, to be placed on file for future comparison and reference. We would suggest that they be written as follows:

"This is a fair specimen of my writing before practicing from the lessons given by Prof. Hinman through the columns of the PENMAN'S JOURNAL."

Give plainly the name and address.

We are also requested by Prof. Hinman to say that he will take pleasure in answering, through the JOURNAL, any questions pertaining to practical writing which may be sent to him during the continuance of his course of lessons. All specimens of writing, and such questions should be addressed to Prof. A. H. Hinman, Worcester, Mass.

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### The January Issue Exhausted.

So unexpectedly numerous have been subscribers since January, who wished to begin with the year, that the several thousand copies reserved for back numbers have been entirely exhausted; but in order that the course of writing-lessons by Prof. Hinman, which began in that number, may still be complete to those who may in future wish to begin with the year, we have here reprinted that portion of the January number containing the lesson, together with cuts showing copies, reduced in size, of six of our premiums, viz., the Bounding Stag, Spread Eagle, Garfield Memorial, Lord's Prayer, Family Record, and Marriage Certificate.

Agents and others who desire to represent what the premiums are can secure extra copies of this sheet. The copies here represented are greatly reduced in size from those given as premiums, and hence present a very much inferior appearance. The premium-sheets are all printed, in the finest style, on heavy plate-paper, and constitute a series of the finest and most interesting pen-pictures that have ever been reproduced in this country.

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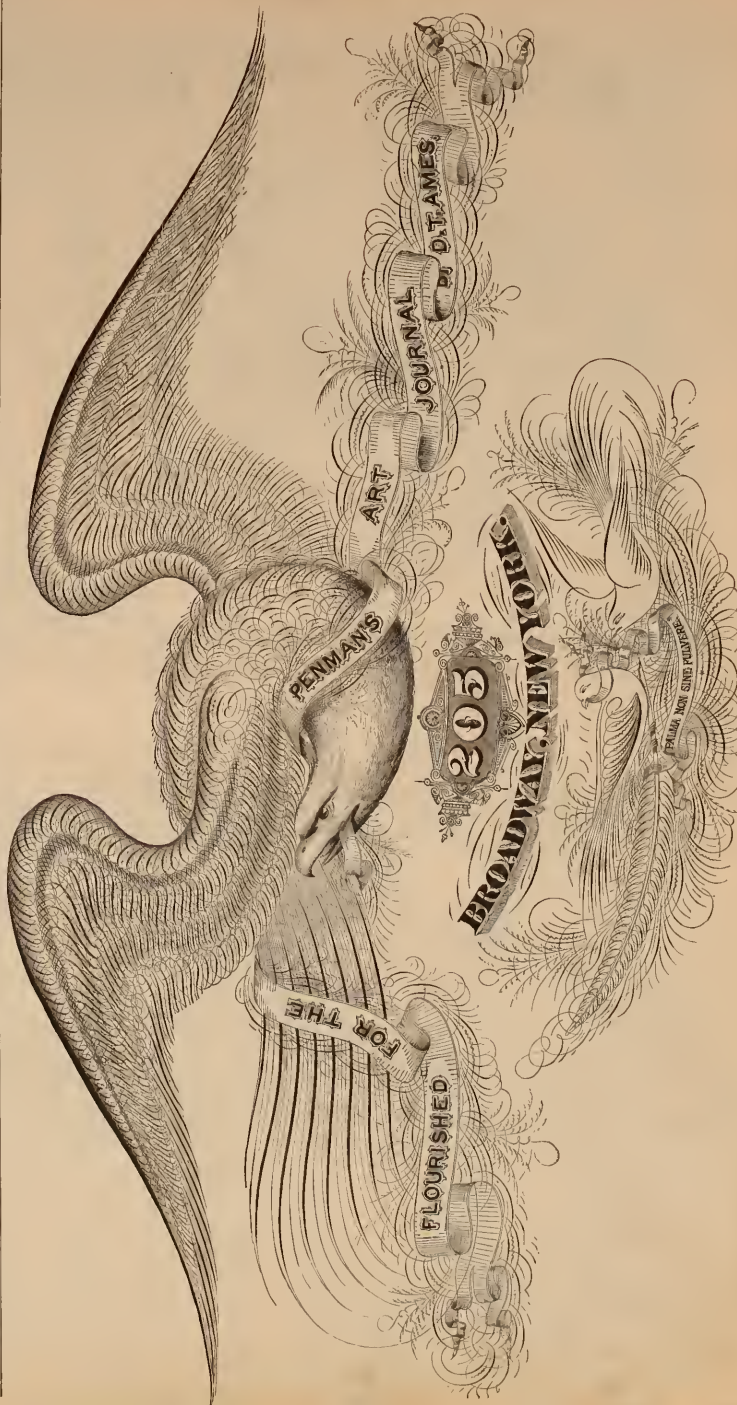
Every parent who has sons or daughters whom he would have become more interested or efficient in their writing.

Every school officer who would be familiar with the highest standards of writing and best methods for its instruction.

Every admirer of good practical or artistic penmanship.

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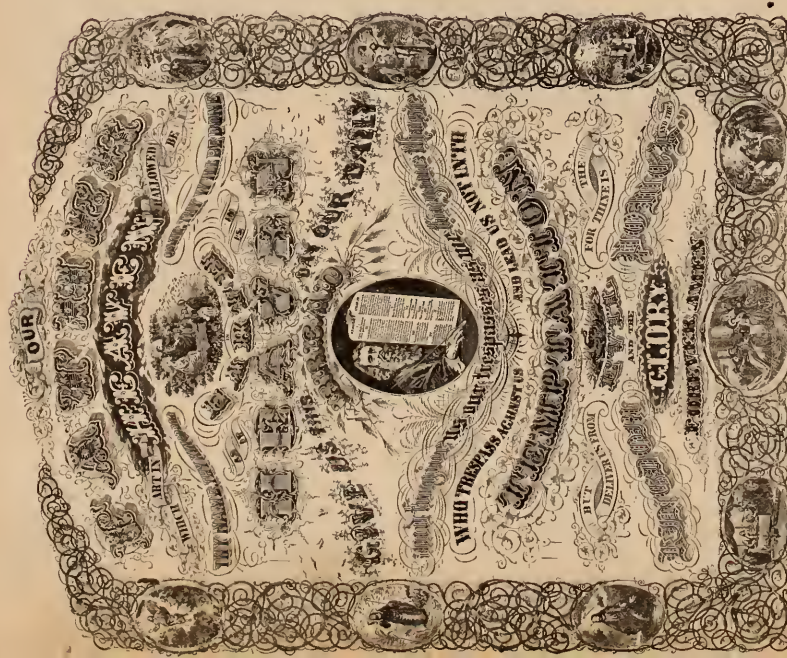
The Writing-Ruler has become a standard article with those who profess to have a suitable outfit for practical writing. It is to the writer what the chart and compass is to the mariner. The Writing-Ruler is a reliable penmanship chart and compass, sent by the JOURNAL on receipt of 30 cents.



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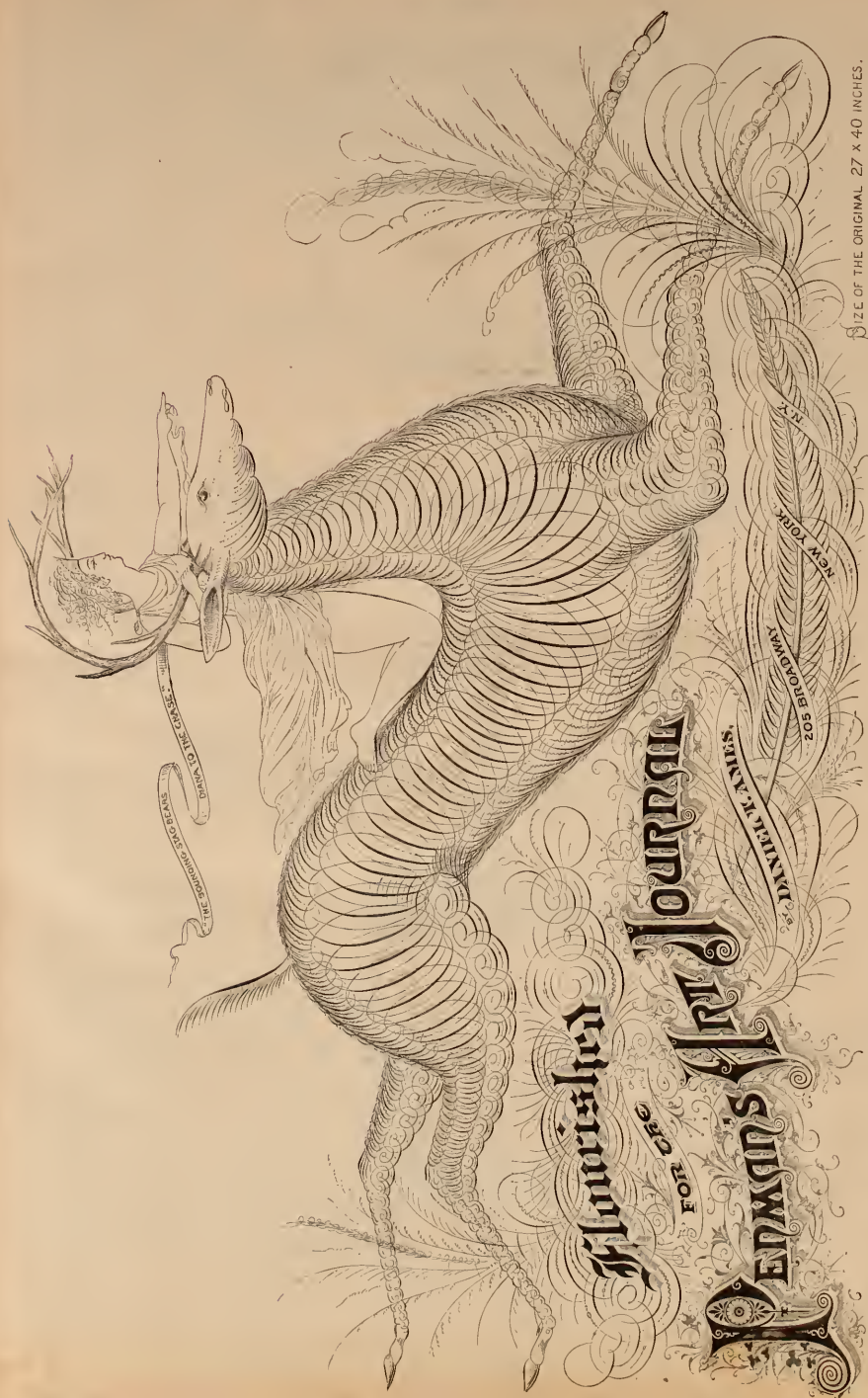


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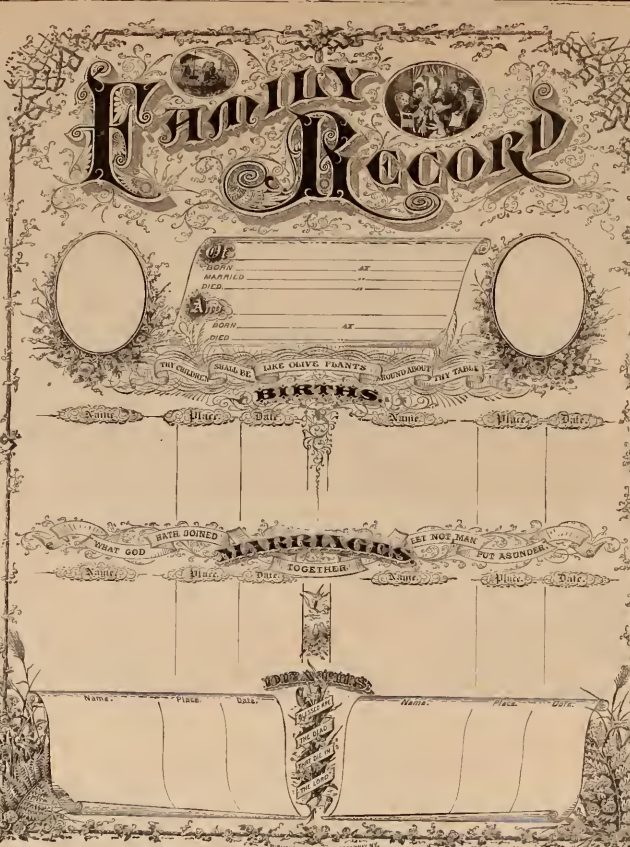
"THE SUCCESS OF THE PENMAN'S ART JOURNAL, as a penman's paper of the highest type is a matter upon which not only Mr. Ames, its publisher, is to be congratulated, but the penmen of America as well. Several attempts were made to establish penmen's papers before the ART JOURNAL was founded, but they were at best only partially successful. But the ART JOURNAL, as an exponent of the pen art, is unquestionably the first publication of its kind in the world. It is well edited, has a long list of contributors to its columns, and is the illustration of artistic penmanship, by many of the most noted American penmen, its classic par excellence. Mr. Ames, an individualistic worker, and has honestly earned the success he now enjoys."—*Jackswell (Ill.) College Record.*

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"We do not know how the JOURNAL, either as regards its admirable advice to learners and teachers of writing, its literary matter, the excellence of its typography, or the art and skill displayed in the production of illustrations, can be improved. It is certainly the par excellence of penmen's papers."—*Peter's College Journal.*

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"This is the sixth year of its publication, and during this period it has exerted a widespread and powerful influence in every department of penmanship. To the teacher it has given the experience and advice of the best masters. To the learner it is full of instruction. To the artist it presents the most and best specimens of the penman's art. We believe that anyone interested in fine and correct writing—and everyone should be—can in no way better invest a dollar than to subscribe for the JOURNAL."—*Berman's Monthly.*

"It is as truly an Art Journal, as any that have the artistic curves of shorthand will be delighted with. In this same we quote from the JOURNAL, an article on 'Flourishing Writing,' which is worth its times the full subscription-price to prospective subscribers who are inclined to 'flourish' with the pen."—*Zim-gung's Shorthand Writer.*

"THE JOURNAL is one of the finest class papers published, and one need not be a professional penman to appreciate its merits."—*The Library Journal.*

"It is one of the finest, most attractive and most valuable of our exchanges."—*New England Sifters.*

"It is as nearly an ideal paper as we can expect to find in this imperfect world. The appearance is fine, the matter excellent, and its 'vlog' unimpeachable. H. C. Spencer's lessons are the best thing yet done in a penman's paper."—*Common Sense or Education.*

"Persons who are endeavoring to improve their handwriting will find efficient aid in this JOURNAL."—*Frank Leslie's Boy's and Girl's Weekly.*

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"It is a most excellent imagination."—*Student's Journal.*

"It is a practical writing instructor, and should be in the hands of every penman interested in writing, not in matters pertaining to the chirographic art."—*Shirland Record.*

"It is an elegant sixteen-page paper, and contains matter that will prove interesting and instructive to all who wish to improve in the art of writing."—*Windsor Herald.*

"It is a sixteen-page daily illustrated and excellently printed monthly devoted exclusively to the art and science of teaching penmanship."—*Buffalo Journal.*

"Besides a large amount of useful and instructive reading and lessons in penmanship, it contains several beautiful drawings made by pen-artists. We can recommend this beautiful and instructive Journal to all who wish to attain to the desirable accomplishment of good writing."—*Davis City (Ia.) Commercial.*

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"The illustrations in artistic penmanship, from penmen of note, are very superior specimens, but far the greater number of subscribers the 'Lessons on Practical Penmanship,' which have reached the seventh number, and are one of the most useful features of the paper. These lessons are fully illustrated by drawings, and contain elaborate instructions in the correct use of the habits of writing as well as the formation of correct ones."—*Art Maria.*



## Comments on "Ames's New Compendium of Artistic Penmanship."

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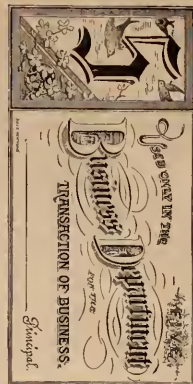
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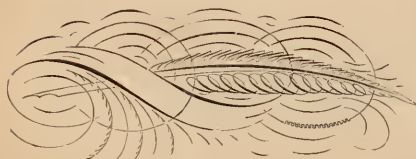
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